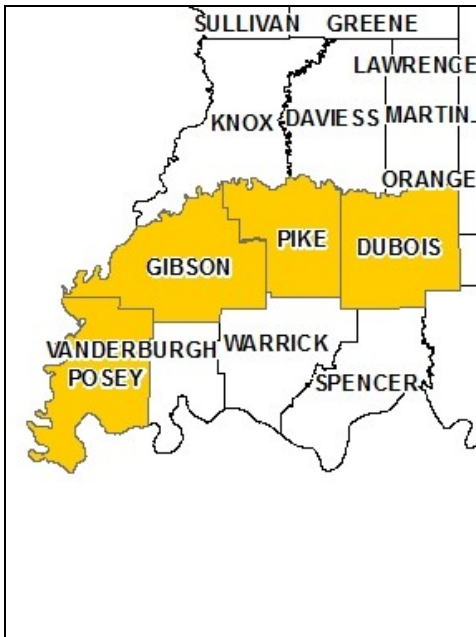




# 2015 Clean Water Indiana Grant Program

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LEAD DISTRICT: DUBOIS  
COLLABORATING DISTRICTS: GIBSON,  
PIKE, POSEY  
PROJECT NAME: COVER CROP AND  
GRID SAMPLING TO ADDRESS  
NUTRIENT OVERAPPLICATION  
PROJECT DATES: 5/1/2015-4/30/2017  
PROJECT AMOUNT: \$75,000

## Purpose: Reduce sediment and nutrients from non-

This project proposes to reduce sediment and nutrients from non-point sources and improve water quality by encouraging producers to utilize soil testing, no-till, and cover crops. The combination of these best management practices can have a significant impact on the amount of nutrients leaving southwest Indiana, and help to address the nutrient overload in the Gulf of Mexico hypoxia zone.

Participants will be required to complete grid soil sampling, utilize professional consultation on the soil test results, utilize no-till planting methods, and apply cover crops. A further incentive will be offered if the landowners document adjusting their nutrient management to meet the recommendations from their soil sampling management plan.

This incentive program will give preference to those producers that are not qualified for Federal programs. This project will also seek to reach out to minority or unfunded groups, as well as provide visibility to existing federal programs.

PARTNERS FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE:  
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY JASPER CAMPUS,  
SUPERIOR AG RESOURCES, CROP  
PRODUCTION SERVICE, POSEY COUNTY  
CO-OP, CISCO SEEDS, DAYLIGHT FARM  
SUPPLY, INC, NRCS, FAM SERVICE  
AGENCY, AND DUBOIS, GIBSON, PIKE, AND  
POSEY COUNTY PURDUE EXTENSION  
OFFICES

Cost  
Share  
\$75,000

The Vincennes University  
Jasper Campus Land  
Stewardship Initiative will  
promote the project and host  
field events annually.

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. The financial assistance supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs.

The CWI fund is administered by the Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects through Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts. CWI also contributes critical state matching funds for Indiana's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, an initiative which utilizes federal funds to encourage landowners to conserve environmentally sensitive land.

Furthermore, the CWI Program has supported the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative which focuses on management systems approach to crop production which results in improved soil and water quality as well as profitability on Indiana cropland.

During state fiscal year 2015, the State Soil Conservation Board awarded 14 Clean Water Indiana grants totaling \$1,020,900. Grant funds can be used for Cost Share Incentives, Technical Assistance, and Adult Education (maximum of \$1,000 per year).